

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, JUNE QUARTER 1969

Details of industrial accidents are extracted from claims for workers' compensation finalised or becoming three years old during the quarter. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period.

The State Government Insurance Office is the only body authorised under the provisions of "The Workers' Compensation Acts, 1916 to 1966," to issue industrial accident policies in Queensland. Claims made on that office are therefore the sole source of information on compensative industrial accidents.

However, while all employers must insure their employees, not all industrial accidents are covered since, under the Compensation Acts, self-employed persons are not obliged to insure and hence a number of accidents to workers in primary industry, the professions, etc. are not recorded. Similarly, members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service, including the P.M.G.'s Department, are excluded by the provisions of the Act and coverage is thereby restricted in the administrative and communications industries.

By definition, the scope of the collection is limited to include only those injured employees who lost at least a full shift from work as a result of the accident. This publication excludes particulars of accidents occurring during recess periods or on the journey to or from work and of occupational diseases which are published annually only.

Definitions

An Industrial Accident is defined as any compensated work injury or a compensated occupational disease causing death or permanent disability, or the temporary disability of the injured person during the entire interval corresponding to the hours of his or her regular shift on any one or more calendar days subsequent to the date of the injury. Details of Work Injuries only are given in the following tables.

Fatal injuries are so classified regardless of the time intervening between injury and death, providing that death occurs within three years of the intimation of the claim.

Permanent Disability is an injury or disease which does not cause death but results in the complete loss or loss of use of any member or part of a member of the body, or any permanent impairment of functions of the body or part thereof.

Temporary Disability is any injury which does not result in death or permanent impairment, but renders the injured person unable to perform a regularly established job during the entire time interval corresponding to the hours of a full, regular shift.

Duration of Temporary Disability refers to the calendar period of incapacity, not to the actual number of working days lost.

Type of Accident is the event which directly resulted in the injury (i.e. the manner in which contact was made between the injured person and the object or substance causing the injury).

Agency Related to the Accident is the agency (i.e. working environment, production equipment, animal, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature or condition precipitated the event designated as the accident.

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability,  
June Quarter 1969

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability						Days Lost	
		Fatal	Perm- anent	Temp- orary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Total	Average	
		Males										
<u>Total</u> .. ..	10,080	13	241	9,826	4,121	2,636	1,580	1,414	75	186,188	18.9	
Professional, managerial, and clerical workers ..	124	-	9	115	48	18	18	30	1	3,558	30.9	
Salesmen .. ..	119	1	8	110	45	23	17	25	-	2,336	21.2	
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters .. ..	780	4	32	744	178	212	168	176	10	20,383	27.4	
Miners and quarrymen ..	239	-	7	232	88	54	52	35	3	5,820	25.1	
Road transport workers ..	604	-	15	589	199	179	97	105	9	14,514	24.6	
Electricians and related electrical workers ..	154	-	3	151	76	35	24	16	-	2,074	13.7	
Metal tradesmen, process workers .. ..	2,299	-	36	2,263	1,251	510	258	235	9	32,824	14.5	
Carpenters and other woodworking occupations ..	898	2	38	858	336	217	159	139	7	17,120	20.0	
Painters and decorators ..	140	-	5	135	48	41	21	23	2	2,879	21.3	
Bricklayers and other construction workers ..	440	-	8	432	187	108	68	68	1	7,391	17.1	
Food and beverage workers	872	1	18	853	357	299	122	75	-	11,085	13.0	
Excavating, lifting equipment operators .. ..	375	1	12	362	145	118	51	46	2	6,107	16.9	
Waterside workers, freight handlers .. ..	624	1	10	613	221	159	125	101	7	13,543	22.1	
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1,639	1	25	1,613	649	464	271	216	13	30,341	18.8	
Service, sport, and recreation workers .. ..	224	1	4	219	71	52	43	49	4	5,805	26.5	
Other occupations ..	549	1	11	537	222	147	86	75	7	10,408	19.4	
Females												
<u>Total</u> .. ..	900	-	7	893	353	261	151	118	10	17,454	19.5	
Professional, managerial, and clerical workers ..	84	-	-	84	33	26	13	12	-	1,190	14.2	
Sales workers ..	95	-	-	95	40	28	18	8	1	1,443	15.2	
Tailors, cutters, machinists, etc. ..	47	-	1	46	22	13	7	4	-	545	11.8	
Textile, footwear, and other leather workers ..	22	-	1	21	5	9	2	4	1	654	31.1	
Metal process workers ..	50	-	-	50	26	9	8	6	1	1,066	21.3	
Food and beverage workers	183	-	-	183	81	55	29	16	2	3,144	17.2	
Other production process workers n.e.i. ..	51	-	-	51	24	13	9	5	-	725	14.2	
Packers, labellers, etc.	72	-	-	72	29	23	10	9	1	1,322	18.4	
Service industry and recreation workers .. ..	265	-	4	261	80	77	51	49	4	6,919	26.5	
Other occupations ..	31	-	1	30	13	8	4	5	-	446	14.9	

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Nature of Injury, June Quarter 1969

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Nature of Injury									
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruising	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries	
Males											
Total .. ..	10,080	1,199	2,748	15	105	2,923	673	1,518	518	381	
Professional, managerial, and clerical workers ..	124	25	30	-	4	22	6	20	6	11	
Salesmen .. ..	119	20	38	1	3	21	5	19	1	11	
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters .. ..	780	130	161	4	17	272	36	100	21	39	
Miners and quarrymen .. ..	239	41	63	-	4	51	10	54	12	4	
Road transport workers .. ..	604	91	255	2	2	97	23	90	18	26	
Electricians and related electrical workers .. ..	154	22	47	-	2	41	10	17	5	10	
Metal tradesmen, process workers .. ..	2,299	216	516	1	15	659	255	306	250	81	
Carpenters and other woodworking occupations .. ..	898	126	239	1	24	282	45	142	13	26	
Painters and decorators .. ..	140	24	48	-	2	20	9	20	10	7	
Bricklayers and other construction workers .. ..	440	51	137	1	3	127	26	78	9	8	
Food and beverage workers .. ..	872	39	150	-	4	499	54	73	28	25	
Excavating, lifting equipment operators .. ..	375	48	128	1	6	68	29	65	17	13	
Waterside workers, freight handlers .. ..	624	77	258	1	4	110	15	122	4	33	
Labourers n.e.i. .. ..	1,639	175	446	2	10	495	107	274	77	53	
Service, sport, and recreation workers .. ..	224	44	64	-	2	35	8	30	23	18	
Other occupations .. ..	549	70	168	1	3	124	35	108	24	16	
Females											
Total .. ..	900	107	316	-	1	251	29	132	36	28	
Professional, managerial, and clerical workers .. ..	84	14	43	-	-	9	2	11	4	1	
Sales workers .. ..	95	11	37	-	-	31	2	5	4	5	
Tailors, cutters, machinists, etc. .. ..	47	8	10	-	-	18	-	10	-	1	
Textile, footwear, and other leather workers .. ..	22	3	8	-	1	5	-	5	-	-	
Metal process workers .. ..	50	4	14	-	-	19	-	12	-	1	
Food and beverage workers .. ..	183	9	51	-	-	71	11	32	7	2	
Other production process workers n.e.i. .. ..	51	2	17	-	-	20	2	9	1	-	
Packers, labellers, etc. .. ..	72	5	26	-	-	22	7	9	2	1	
Service industry and recreation workers .. ..	265	49	101	-	-	49	4	33	18	11	
Other occupations .. ..	31	2	9	-	-	7	1	6	-	6	

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Type of Accident, June Quarter 1969

Industry Group	All Injuries	Type of Accident									
		Falls of Persons	Struck by Falling Objects	Striking, or Struck by, Objects	Caught in, or between, Objects	Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	Extreme Temperatures	Electric Current	Harmful Substances or Radiation	Other Types	
Males											
Total .. ..	10,080	1,979	1,090	3,611	824	1,870	318	14	219	155	
Primary production .. ..	742	148	43	310	95	109	17	1	4	15	
Mining and quarrying .. ..	286	64	44	74	46	38	9	2	7	2	
Cement, bricks, glass, etc. .. ..	216	40	20	64	29	56	3	-	2	2	
Metal refining and products .. ..	772	82	86	318	54	127	49	3	51	2	
Machinery & general engineering .. ..	1,245	187	141	516	78	206	72	1	40	4	
Meat and fish processing .. ..	935	133	51	546	36	112	29	-	10	18	
Other food and drink processing .. ..	406	92	39	103	42	89	24	-	12	5	
Sawmilling and wood products .. ..	495	57	78	197	82	75	1	-	2	3	
Preparation of skins and leather goods manufacturing .. ..	60	10	2	22	7	14	-	-	5	-	
Rubber goods manufacturing .. ..	60	8	3	21	9	17	1	-	-	1	
Other manufacturing .. ..	210	23	28	61	24	50	6	-	15	3	
Electricity and gas .. ..	128	34	10	32	9	31	6	2	2	2	
Water supply and sewerage .. ..	128	40	14	34	3	29	3	-	1	4	
Building construction & repairs .. ..	1,100	277	143	356	60	206	17	3	21	17	
Other construction works .. ..	1,090	210	119	353	103	223	40	-	20	22	
Road transport .. ..	374	103	58	68	25	92	2	-	4	22	
Other transport and storage .. ..	454	150	46	116	51	85	3	-	2	1	
Commerce and finance .. ..	1,035	204	145	334	58	230	21	2	16	25	
Community and business services .. ..	138	47	7	32	5	33	6	-	4	4	
Amusement and personal services .. ..	186	58	11	52	8	45	9	-	-	3	
Other industries .. ..	20	12	2	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	
Females											
Total .. ..	900	227	62	276	74	190	29	1	12	29	
Primary production .. ..	20	5	1	5	-	4	-	-	5	-	
Metal refining and products, general engineering .. ..	60	6	9	22	7	14	-	-	-	2	
Textile manufacturing .. ..	25	5	3	8	4	5	-	-	-	-	
Clothing manufacturing .. ..	44	3	2	6	21	7	-	1	-	4	
Meat and fish processing .. ..	145	14	10	81	4	27	4	-	2	3	
Jam making, fruit and vegetable canning .. ..	45	17	2	11	2	4	1	-	1	7	
Other food and drink processing .. ..	58	19	7	14	7	9	2	-	-	-	
Printing, packaging, etc. manufacturing .. ..	16	1	3	4	7	-	-	-	-	1	
Other manufacturing .. ..	40	7	3	15	5	9	1	-	-	-	
Commerce and finance .. ..	138	40	9	44	3	36	3	-	-	3	
Health, hospitals, etc. .. ..	99	31	6	15	3	34	6	-	1	3	
Other community etc. services .. ..	47	19	1	8	1	13	-	-	1	4	
Hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, etc. .. ..	119	43	5	32	7	18	12	-	1	1	
Amusement and other personal services .. ..	19	6	-	5	2	6	-	-	-	-	
Other industries .. ..	25	11	1	6	1	4	-	-	1	1	

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Agency Related to Accident, June Quarter 1969

Industry Group	All Injuries	Agency Related to Accident									
		Metal and Woodworking Machines	Other Machines and Installed Equipment	Lifting Equipment	Hand Tools, Movable Equipment	Means of Transport	Materials, Substances, and Radiation	Indoor Working Environment	Outdoor and Underground Environment	Other Agencies	
Males											
Total ..	10,080	748	617	203	2,222	877	418	651	660	3,684	
Primary production ..	742	25	72	4	169	76	17	10	80	289	
Mining and quarrying ..	286	9	69	5	34	29	16	10	37	77	
Cement, bricks, glass, etc.	216	7	25	7	37	23	13	16	8	80	
Metal refining and products	772	176	18	19	146	15	60	44	9	285	
Machinery & general engineering	1,245	247	47	30	312	27	63	100	29	390	
Meat and fish processing ..	935	6	34	3	409	48	30	120	6	279	
Other food and drink processing	406	20	51	6	59	33	25	53	9	150	
Sawmilling and wood products	495	116	4	14	44	20	8	24	9	256	
Preparation of skins and leather goods manufacturing ..	60	1	9	1	8	7	3	8	1	22	
Rubber goods manufacturing	60	4	13	-	18	1	1	3	1	19	
Other manufacturing ..	210	15	29	4	30	16	20	11	3	82	
Electricity and gas ..	128	4	10	1	21	11	8	12	17	44	
Water supply and sewerage ..	128	3	7	2	21	12	3	-	25	55	
Building construction & repairs	1,100	51	31	18	335	27	39	51	135	413	
Other construction works ..	1,090	32	82	24	292	104	40	10	148	358	
Road transport ..	374	2	16	19	21	122	10	15	16	153	
Other transport and storage	454	2	8	19	53	148	16	18	43	147	
Commerce and finance ..	1,035	20	62	27	169	129	31	101	41	455	
Community and business services	138	5	11	-	16	12	9	23	20	42	
Amusement and personal services	186	3	17	-	23	16	5	18	19	85	
Other industries ..	20	-	2	-	5	1	1	4	4	3	
Females											
Total ..	900	12	124	3	113	36	34	242	25	311	
Primary production ..	20	-	1	-	2	-	5	3	4	5	
Metal refining and products, general engineering ..	60	8	4	-	3	2	-	9	2	32	
Textile manufacturing ..	25	-	11	1	1	2	-	4	-	6	
Clothing manufacturing ..	44	-	26	-	5	-	-	7	-	6	
Meat and fish processing ..	145	-	14	-	46	3	5	17	-	60	
Jam making, fruit and vegetable canning ..	45	-	1	1	7	4	-	17	1	14	
Other food and drink processing	58	-	10	-	4	4	1	16	3	20	
Printing, packaging, etc. manufacturing ..	16	-	8	-	-	1	-	2	-	5	
Other manufacturing ..	40	4	4	-	8	4	1	9	-	10	
Commerce and finance ..	138	-	20	1	13	4	4	42	6	48	
Health, hospitals, etc. ..	99	-	6	-	5	3	5	38	-	42	
Other community etc. services	47	-	3	-	1	3	2	15	5	18	
Hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, etc. ..	119	-	11	-	15	1	10	47	3	32	
Amusement and other personal services ..	19	-	3	-	1	1	-	7	-	7	
Other industries ..	25	-	2	-	2	4	1	9	1	6	

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Table 5 - Work Injuries, All Persons: Type of Accident by Nature of Injury, June Quarter 1969

Type of Accident	All Injuries	Nature of Injury								
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruising	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries
Total .. ..	10,980	1,306	3,064	15	106	3,174	702	1,650	554	409
Falls of persons .. ..	2,206	445	985	4	1	213	46	417	-	95
Struck by falling objects .. ..	1,152	274	97	-	9	262	37	448	2	23
Stepping on, striking, or struck by, objects .. ..	3,887	215	145	4	37	2,381	565	494	3	43
Caught in, or between, objects .. ..	898	237	41	2	57	287	11	259	-	4
Over-exertion or strenuous movement .. ..	2,060	103	1,761	4	-	1	1	11	-	179
Exposure to, or contact with, extreme temperature .. ..	347	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	345	2
Exposure to, or contact with, electric current .. ..	15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Exposure to, or contact with, harmful substances .. ..	231	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	204	26
Traffic accidents .. ..	68	30	8	1	1	8	2	14	-	4
Other types .. ..	116	2	27	-	-	22	40	6	-	19

